

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIAUNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
v.  
EDWARD ARTHUR OWENS, JR.

Criminal No. 25- 190

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WEST. DIST. OF PENNSYLVANIA**INDICTMENT MEMORANDUM**

AND NOW comes the United States of America, by its attorneys, Troy Rivetti, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and Carl J. Spindler, Assistant United States Attorney for said district, and submits this Indictment Memorandum to the Court:

**I. THE INDICTMENT**

A federal grand jury returned a two-count indictment against the above-named defendant for alleged violations of federal law:

<u>COUNT</u>	<u>OFFENSE/DATE</u>	<u>TITLE/SECTION</u>
One	Interstate Threat On or about May 20, 2025	18 U.S.C. § 875(c)
Two	False Statement to a Government Agent On or about May 30, 2025	18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(2)

**II. ELEMENTS OF THE OFFENSES****A. As to Count One:**

In order to establish the crime of Interstate Threat, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 875(c), the government must prove all of the following essential elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

1. That the defendant consciously disregarded a substantial risk that his communication would be viewed as threatening to injure the person of another;

2. That the message contained a true threat to injure the person of another; that is, the defendant transmitted a communication that a reasonable person would view as a threat; and

3. That the threat was communicated in interstate commerce.

**B. As to Count Two:**

In order to establish the crime of False Statement to a Government Agent, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1001(a)(2), the government must prove all of the following essential elements beyond a reasonable doubt:

1. That the defendant made a statement or representation;
2. That the statement or representation was false, fictitious or fraudulent;
3. That the statement or representation was material;
4. That the false, fictitious or fraudulent statement was made knowingly and willfully; and
5. That the statement or representation was made in a matter within the jurisdiction of the executive, legislative or judicial branch of the Government of the United States.

**III. PENALTIES**

**A. As to Count One: Interstate Threat (18 U.S.C. § 875(c)):**

1. A term of imprisonment of not more than five years.
2. A fine of not more than \$250,000.00.
3. A term of supervised release of not more than three years.

**B. As to Count Two: False Statement to a Government Agent (18 U.S.C. §**

**1001(a)(2)):**

1. A term of imprisonment of not more than five years.
2. A fine of not more than \$250,000.00.
3. A term of supervised release of not more than three years.

**IV. MANDATORY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**

A mandatory special assessment of \$100.00 must be imposed at each count upon which the defendant is convicted, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3013.

**V. RESTITUTION**

Restitution may be ordered in this case, together with any authorized penalty, as part of the defendant's sentence pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663, 3663A, and 3664.

**VI. FORFEITURE**

Forfeiture may be applicable in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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